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would invite states to levy health care co-payments and workfare increases on the poor, while dropping preventive medical care for children, as well as 14 billion from the underpinnings of some of the most vital student aid and loan programs. Four billion in cuts are slated for efforts to enforce child support - a successful program with a four-to-one return on investment. She also mentioned 844 million in food stamp cuts, knocking close to 300,000 working poor and legal immigrants from the program and the elimination of day care subsidies for an estimated 330,000 children of the working poor.

MoveOn.org is a left-wing political group based in the United States that organizes and informs an online

community estimated at more than three million people, according to Wikipedia - the free online encyclopedia. The group aims to promote grassroots advocacy by its members through various political activities including running a PAC, voter registration drives, and political advertising (especially in swing states).

“The MoveOn family of organizations brings real Americans back into the political process,” according to a statement on the group’s website. “With over 3.3 million members across America - from carpenters to stay-at-home moms to business leaders - we work together to realize the progressive vision of our country’s founders. MoveOn is a service - a way for busy but concerned citizens to find their political voice in a system dominated by big money and big media.”

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Pajama Party



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The Western Kansas String Academy held a pajama party and story hour on Nov. 10 at the Hays Public Library.

Whooped by the cough: Virus spreads across campus

Zach Becker
Editor

Hannah Pyle, Colby senior, picked up a pretty nasty cough last week.

So nasty, in fact, that after visiting the Student Health Center Monday, she was quarantined for five days with a possible case of Pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough.

“You cough so hard you throw up. It’s not fun - your chest hurts,” Pyle said. “It’s going around.”

The initial symptoms of the disease include a mild cough, sneezing and a runny nose. However, within two weeks of the infection, symptoms progress to a severe cough (which often has a “whooping” sound to it), sometimes followed by vomiting.

The disease, however, is not life-threatening for adults. As well, most children receive vaccinations for the illness and are thus immune, although the vaccine usually wears off by the time children reach adulthood. The disease spreads through contact with airborne discharge of the mucus membranes of an infected person (most commonly through sneezing

or coughing).

According to a report in last Sunday’s Hays Daily News, four Ellis county residents have been diagnosed with confirmed cases of the respiratory disease. Two of those cases were reported as FHSU students.

According to Pyle, the Student Health Center told her only about 4 students had been quarantined at FHSU, although that was only as of Monday.

The Student Health Center did not respond to multiple attempts to get a comment.

Pyle decided to get checked for the illness because she had been having a bad cough and one of her friends had similar symptoms and had been diagnosed. Pyle said the nurse took a culture sample and they are awaiting results. In the meantime, Pyle was prescribed standard medication for whooping cough.

Pyle recommended that students who suspect they may have the disease to get it checked out and treated.

“Don’t spread it around,” Pyle said. “You don’t want others to get it.”

MoveOn.org rallies students, citizens for press conference

James Bell
Staff Writer

Wednesday at the front steps of the Ellis county courthouse, a group of concerned citizens, including many FHSU students, gathered for a citizen’s press conference sponsored by MoveOn.org.

“Our leadership in Washington is pushing for over 50 billion in cuts in services for the less advantaged and middle-class, including cuts in Medicaid, food stamps, and student loans - all to pay for 70 billion in tax breaks for the privileged,” said Pam Pohly, Hays resident and organizer of the event, in a press release. It’s reverse Robin Hood economics - robbing the poor to pay back the richest few.”

Pohly opened the press conference and introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Ella Tramel, FHSU student, who gave an overview of what proposed budget cuts would mean for social services.

Speakers at the event included Jim Kohl, farmer from Ellis, who spoke about Student Loans, Lou Ann Kibbe, local resident speaking about Medicaid cuts, Linda Brewer, grandmother from Hill City, who talked about Food Stamps & Medicaid and Bob Hooper, columnist & resident of Bogue, who spoke on proposed Medicaid cuts.

According to Pohly, 12 billion in Medicaid cuts are slated that

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Political debate scheduled

James Bell
Staff Writer

If someone ever wondered if he or she is a Democrat or a Republican, now is the chance to explore that ideology.

The College Republicans and the FHSU Democrats will debate many of today’s most important political issues at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Black and Gold room of the Memorial Union.

The debate is an extension of the American Political Parties class, although the debate will not be limited to class members.

The format of the debate as decided in a meeting with representatives of both groups will be a

four minute opening speech with responses to the questions limited to two minutes on both sides with an optional one minute rebuttal.

This format will be followed by a town hall format allowing for members of the audience to ask questions to both groups.

“I think this is a great chance to build civic engagement among our students who aren’t in the class,” said Chapman Rackaway, assistant professor of political science and faculty sponsor for the College Republicans.

The event is open to the public and admittance will be free for all that attend.



EDITORIAL

▼ on the edge
'Intelligent Design' not scientific

The Kansas Board of Education's recent decision to require students to have knowledge of "Intelligent Design" is a puzzling one. In making its decision, the board disregarded the recommendation of a 26-member science committee and two other science groups. If Intelligent Design truly qualified as a sound theory scientifically, it seems these groups would have recommended it. Besides, the Theory of Evolution is just that - a theory. In other words, Evolution currently represents science's best guess when it comes to how life has developed on earth given the evidence. "Intelligent Design," on the other hand, is a theory whose basis lies highly in faith rather than in scientific facts and research. The board's decision, it appears, is more an attempt to introduce religious ideology into schools than a genuine attempt to improve science. This is not the first time science has been pushed aside in the name of religion. In 1533, a scientist by the name of Copernicus introduced *De Revolutionibus*, a well-researched work that had the gall to suggest the Earth rotated on its axis every day and traveled around the sun once a year. Politicians and religious pontiffs of the time condemned the idea and later forced Copernicus to denounce his ideas with the threat of torture and death. Who came out looking stupid on that one? -The Editorial Board

Unfurled Wit

By Damien Leeson



Leeson salutes long-hair ladies



Kudos, ladies: For your uncanny ability to grow out and sustain long hair. I myself gave it up on Monday. It wasn't even as grueling a question as it had been on prior days. My usual arguments for keeping it were "I'll never have another opportunity to grow it out," "I've never had

long hair," "I want to put it into corn rows," "Not cutting my hair is a good way to save \$10 a month," and "I've always kind of wanted a pony tail." However, all of those arguments crumbled beneath the reality of it all. That reality being "Holy crap, I use a lot of shampoo and conditioner right now," "Grr, my ears are freezing because I can't wear a hat," "Drat my hair is frozen again," "I don't want to spend money on a blow dryer," "No I didn't get attacked by an angry bird, but I did take a nap," and "When the wind hits my hair just right I look like a parakeet." All of these were quite tiring and very much inconvenient. It was mostly the frozen hair and inability to wear a hat that won me over,

so I took myself down to Park Avenue Salon, thus far my favorite hair place in Hays, and got the lot of it snipped off. However, she left the side burns, which at first was somewhat bothersome, but then I got to looking at it and said, "Hot dang, those actually look good." Then I promptly left them as they were. But I must give all the long-haired ladies props for putting up with it. Though I can't say how much of that is by choice or by the social ideals that have been driven into your skulls, you pull it off nicely. I, for the time being, will stick with short, but perhaps give it another go when I'm in the mother country: England; but that is the topic for another possible future column.

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE



Tuesday, Nov. 15

Times Talk
Noon - 1 p.m.
Memorial Union
Stouffer Lounge

Thesis Defense
3 - 4:30 p.m.
Albertson 169

Leaderville:
Leadership and Learning
6 - 7 p.m.
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Wednesday, Nov. 16

T.I.G.E.R.S. Series Workshop
-Take a Break!
6 - 8 p.m.
Wiest Hall
Chuck's Place

FHSU Theatre:
"Dinner with Friends"
8 - 10 p.m.
Felten-Start Theatre

Model UN
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Memorial Union

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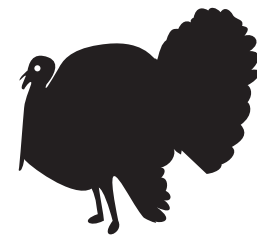


Sunday, Nov. 20

FHSU Theatre:
"Dinner with Friends"
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Felten-Start Theatre

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A Christmas Carol
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Friday, Nov. 18

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DINNER WITH FRIENDS

▼ Visit France

Paris tour planned for spring '06

Brandie Johnson
Staff Writer

Ah, Paris... Say it with a French accent and the heart begins to stir. Paris is one of the most popular tourist destinations worldwide. Where else can someone witness the enigmatic smile of the Mona Lisa, stroll along the Seine at sundown, pay respects to the Little Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, get a gargoyle-eye-view of the city from atop Notre-Dame, dine on French delicacies, and marvel at the illuminated Eiffel Tower, all in the same day?

Now there is a chance to do all the aforementioned activities and more. The FHSU Dept. of Modern Languages is offering a 10-day trip to the City of Light during Spring Break.

Departing the United States March 16, 2006, and returning March 27, the trip is offered as a cultural and educational experience not only to FHSU students but to the Hays community and beyond as well.

“People never fail to like the tour,” said Jean Salien, professor of Modern Languages. “Every year the tour becomes better.”

This will be the seventh year Salien has led a group of globetrotters to Paris.

“We have a fantastic package for those who want to participate,” he said. “This year we are offering two options.”

The first option concerns FHSU students. The student tour will concentrate on all things educational: the history, architecture, art, language, literature and culture of Paris. The second option is the travel and leisure option. The recreational tour will allow participants to discover all aspects of Paris.

The cost for the 10-day excursion to Par-

is is \$1,345 for a triple room, \$1,495 for a double room and \$1,550 for a single room. Included in the price are hotel accommodations in a centrally-located hotel, round trip airfare from a nearby International airport to Paris, transportation to/from the airport in Paris, continental breakfast each morning, public transportation pass, and tours by bus and bateau-mouche.

“The price is fair considering everything that you get for your money,” said Julia Butler, FHSU Alum and co-assistant tour guide. “This trip is such a wonderful learning experience and well worth the money.”

With many tours, people are able to “see” the city through a bus window. With this tour, a person will not only see Paris, he or she will be able to experience it as well. Rather than watching the sites pass by through the windows

as the tour bus meanders down the street, people will be able to explore the sites as much as they want.

In addition to the Eiffel Tower and Mona Lisa, tour participants will be able to visit Versailles, Sainte-Chapelle, Notre-

Dame Cathedral, Montmartre, Sacre-Couer Basilica, Champs-Elysees, the Louvre, Musee d’Orsay, Rodin and Picasso Museums, Napoleon’s Tomb, Pere-Lachaise Cemetery, and have ample time to explore the city on their own.

In the past, tour participants have opted for a night at the Moulin Rouge or day trips to London, Mont-St-Michel, Normandy or Bruges, Belgium.

“The trip is a great way to see Paris without having a lot of planning to do as far as booking tickets and hotel rooms, etcetera,” Butler said. “It’s all done for you.

“The itinerary is also provided so you don’t have to do a lot of research to figure out where to go and what to see. The great sights are included and yet there is the freedom of being able to add to the itinerary any personal interests you might have.”

Salien said that although the trip is attached to the academic program at FHSU, it is intended, also, as a minimal-cost travel

and easy way to travel and see Paris,” Butler said. “It’s a great ‘starter’ trip—a way to see lots of things in a relatively short period of time and getting an idea of what particularly interests you so if you choose to go back on your own at a later time, you have an idea of how to go about things.”

The deadline for applications is Dec. 15.

“Reservation is equivalent to a commitment, since we need to know who will participate in order to start working on the details,” Salien said.

Those interested in the Paris tour may call 785-628-4244 or 785-628-4100 for an application. They may also e-mail Salien at jsalien@fhsu.edu.

The first payment of \$600 is not due until Jan. 1, 2006.

“Commitment and first installment are a must if we want the best available fare,” Salien said.

Checks should be made payable to Modern Language Dept. Paris Tour and mailed to

project in one of the key areas of Western civilization. For those who wish to earn two credit hours for the trip, they are able to do so by enrolling through the Virtual College at the beginning of the Spring semester.

The tour is organized to allow for maximum relaxation and enjoyment. “Stress and anxiety are not allowed”, Salien said.

Both Salien and Butler encourage anyone and everyone to participate in the trip. “I think traveling with the group is a safe



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Payments will be accepted any time afterwards, but the balance must be paid in full by Jan. 15, 2006.

“I have been to Paris a few times now and never tire of it,” Butler said. “I see or experience something new every time. This trip could be your once in a lifetime opportunity or your inspiration to go back again and again to cultivate your love of all things French.”

▼ Justice Jive

Citizen's Arrest: Go ahead, make my day!



Martha J. Jones
Guest Columnist

Remember watching really old, really bad shoot-'em-up TV show's and movies?

It's more than likely that you've seen some actor perform a citizen's arrest.

Many people joke about it, but what they may not know is that there is such a beast.

History

Citizen's arrest—also called citizen's detention or private person's arrest—is not a new concept.

The practice dates back to medieval England, when law enforcement depended largely on upstanding citizens to catch the bad guys.

An example of early English citizen's arrest was the *hue and cry* system.

In early English law, citizens who witnessed or discovered a crime were required by law to pursue the perpetrator.

The founders of the United States recognized the need for a similar system.

The Ninth Amendment includes the individual's natural right to self-preservation and the defense of others.

If citizen's arrest laws did not exist, no one would have the right to do anything if someone committed a crime.

These laws also make it legal for police officers to demand bystanders to pitch in and help during the commission of a crime.

Definition

So what is a citizen's arrest, when should it be used and what can happen to you if it is done incorrectly?

A citizen's arrest is a formal arrest by an individual who has no official government authority.

By creating statutes that allow citizen's arrest, we give ordinary citizens the authority to arrest and detain another citizen without feat of being sued for false imprisonment.

The private citizen may arrest without a warrant any person who is committing or attempting to commit a crime in his presence.

The arrest must be made during the actual crime or immedi-

ately thereafter.

If not, the arrest is illegal and the suspect has the right to sue for damages.

If a private citizen does make an arrest, a law enforcement officer has to agree with the arrest before formal charges are made.

State Laws

The powers of arrest conferred on private individuals vary from state to state.

Many states allow citizens to use only the “minimum necessary force” to detain a suspect, while other states only allow citizens to arrest unresisting suspects.

Still, other states will allow citizens making an arrest for a felony to kill the felon if he flees.

In Oklahoma — who has a “Make My Day” law—residents are allowed to do “anything necessary” to get unlawful trespassers off their property if they fear for their safety.

“Anything necessary” includes killing the person.

Obviously, check with your state's provisions for citizen's arrest before ever acting.

In Kansas, a citizen may arrest another person for any crime other than a traffic infraction.

Common Usage

“In Oklahoma - who has a 'Make My Day' law - residents are allowed to do 'anything necessary' to get unlawful trespassers off their property... 'Anything necessary' includes killing the person.”

Common offenses for which citizen's arrest are made include pick-pocketing, shop-lifting, vandalism and public offenses such as witnessing an individual in an alley tying off an arm to shoot up.

However, making these arrests often lead to civil lawsuits if you are not 100 percent certain that a crime has been committed.

Common sense should prevail.

It would be foolish to try and arrest an armed robber, but arresting a teenager throwing rocks through windows poses no real threat.

Always consider your safety and the severity of the crime before trying to detain someone.

User's Guide

So how do you make a citizen's arrest?

Make sure you have researched your state laws regarding citizen's arrest.

If local law permits, obtain a pair of real handcuffs. Make sure you know how to use them properly.

Also make sure you are physically capable of detaining the suspect.

Consider the following scenario. A fifteen year old kid with purple hair is spray painting graffiti on your garage and you caught him.

You restrain the kid, who is probably crying or cussing or both at this point.

Tell him you are placing him under citizen's arrest for vandalism and have him sit on the ground.

In most states, you are not legally allowed to search or use excessive force on the suspect, so resist your impulse to teach the kid a lesson.

Next, if the kid is non-combative, call the police on the non-

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emergency line. Explain that you have an individual in custody for vandalism and an officer will be dispatched to your location to take a report.

When the officer arrives, explain what you have done, include exact details about the crime and when it was detected and how you apprehended the suspect and made your arrest.

You most likely will have to fill out a formal, written report as well.

Everyone is encouraged to help stop crime.

However, keep in mind that it is dangerous to confront a criminal no matter how small, weak or stupid they appear.

While you are the best judge of your own abilities, it is probably best to leave the arresting to a law enforcement officer.

Instead, if you happen upon a crime, take notes of any descriptions, identifiers and mannerisms of the suspect and contact the police, giving a full account of the incident.

No criminal is worth endangering your life for.

Times Talk covers veteran, military issues

James Bell
Staff Writer

Last Friday –Veterans’ Day— was a celebration for veterans nationwide.

As a lead in to that holiday, last weeks Times Talk gave participants an opportunity to discuss veteran and military issues.

Michael Kearns, assistant professor of leadership studies, was the presenter at the event. His goal was to speak about war and also the people that are veterans of wars.

After a brief introduction, Kearns played a song “The Band Played Waltzing Matilda”, as recorded by Eric Bogle. The song has deep meaning in Australia and speaks to the veterans of war.

The main message repeated several times by Kearns was to show gratitude to veterans, but the room was not in complete agree-

ment. The ability to protest war, and the implications of fighting a war that is not of a just cause, was argued by some members of the audience.

“When you sign on the line, you’re taking away some of your freedoms to protest war,” Kearns said. “We like to think that the war is about some huge grand thing that we can rationalize that we’re there for.”

Kearns did allow that personal reasoning like support for friends was a large issue for soldiers.

“We have signed on the dotted line and we are military members and we go and answer the call,” he said.

While several members of the audience said that you could support the troops without supporting the war, one audience member made the point that “without troops, there wouldn’t be a war.”

“I don’t understand why I

should shake the hand of a Vietnam veteran because he or she went to the war that they shouldn’t have gone to,” said Bill Shanahan, assistant professor of communication studies. His arguments were the antithesis of Kearns’ and throughout the debate he argued that a soldier has the obligation to go against military directives when it is against moral imperatives.

Shanahan did say later, making his point clear, “I condemn their fighting, I don’t condemn the people”

“Hey, you cut a deal and it turns out that the obligations that emerge out of that deal are reprehensible, you break that deal,” Shanahan said. “The idea that you would say, ‘Hey, I gave my word so I gotta kill that person’...break your word”

The weekly Times Talk will continue after Thanksgiving break Thursday, Dec. 1 at noon.



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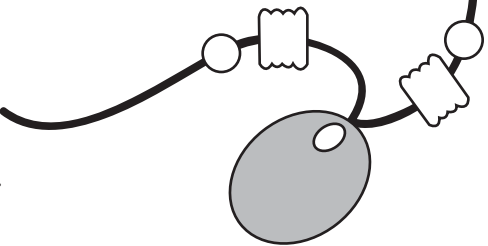
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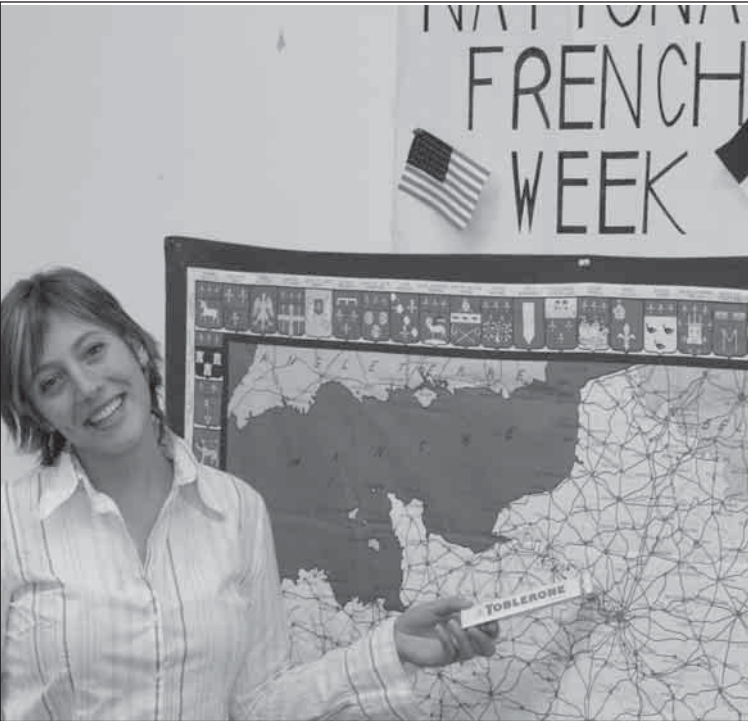
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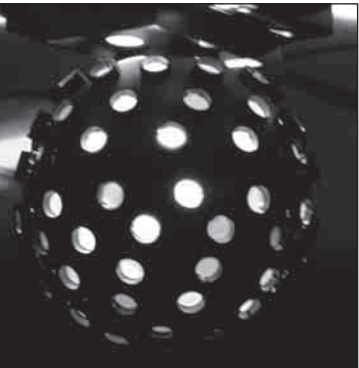


The Week in Pictures



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Maria Jesus Parra Chiclano, Spain, along with a student from Peru, show off their salsa dancing talents during the International Fair Week held at the Hays Mall. Helene Engrand points to her home in France during an event held as part of National French Week. Nancy Jeter, executive director of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Hays office, works on some paperwork during the FHSU Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake on Nov. 12. Shawn Demuth plays his violin during an event at the Hays Public Library for Western Kansas String Academy.



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▼ FHSU Choirs

St. Fidelis to host Cathedral Concert

Callie Schlegel
Staff Writer

Musicians will usher in the holiday season with the annual Cathedral Concert to be held in St. Fidelis Cathedral on Dec. 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas.

The concert will feature the FHSU Concert Choir and the FHSU Singers. Both groups will be performing a mix of new and traditional holiday music. The music was selected by choir director Terry Crull to take advantage of the echoing acoustics of the cathedral.

Also performing that evening are the Hays High School Chamber Choir and the FHSU brass choir. Guest artists playing piccolo, oboe, and cello will be featured throughout the concert.

Audience members can expect to hear Christmas carols and other less familiar holiday music throughout the one-hour and twenty-five minute program. According to Crull, the concert is a perfect way for the whole family to begin the holiday season.

“People should come to the concert to get in the Christmas spirit,” Crull said. “It’s not too early in the season to spend an evening enjoying the beauty of Christmas music in a setting which enhances the music’s beauty.”

The concert, which will begin at 8 p.m. Dec. 6th in the St. Fidelis Cathedral in Victoria, is free to the public.

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▼ Dinner With Friends

Callie Schlegel
Staff Writer

Dinner with Friends, Fringe Theatre’s latest undertaking, is a bitter-sweet drama that explores the relationships between two couples as their lives change and their friendships dissolve.

The play revolves around food. Happily married food connoisseurs Gabe (played by Jared Hulstine) and Karen (Jenn Wilson) have invited their close friends Tom (Micah Mertes) and Beth (Krystal Baugher) over for dinner at their posh house in Connecticut. Before Tom arrives, Beth reveals to Gabe and Karen that she and Tom are ending their marriage of twelve years. Gabe and Karen are shocked that people they believed were happily married could have so convincingly deceived their best friends. This throws the play into motion as the characters begin to reflect on their own lives and friendships.

Director Kim Miller, instructor of communication studies at FHSU, chose to do *Dinner with Friends* because she wanted a contemporary play to which audiences could immediately relate. Miller hopes audiences will leave with a desire to inspect their own relationships. Miller aptly asks, “How much do we let our friends influence our lives?”

This production is a compelling look into the lives of ordinary people. It offers insights into the beauty and pain of friendship, marriage, and divorce.

The play appeals to every person who has experienced the challenge of a changing friendship or relationship. In addition, an all-star cast of theatre veterans brings to life the 2000 Pulitzer prize-winning play by Donald Margulies.

“This play is very emotionally driven,” Baugher said. “My only concern is that the play will touch people too deeply. Sometimes people come to a show wanting to be entertained without having to think. This show makes you think.”

Miller suggests leaving the kids at home for this play—not because of excessive violence or language (although there is some of both), but because the play revolves around themes that may be too complex for a six year old to grasp.

Dinner with Friends will be playing Nov. 17 to Nov. 20 in Felton-Start Theatre of Malloy Hall. Performances on Nov. 17 and 19 are at 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee is at 2:30 p.m. People should get tickets while they can, as ticket pre-sales indicate the Thursday and Friday shows may be sell-outs.

Student tickets are \$8, while it is \$10 for the general public. For additional information or to reserve tickets, call 628-4225.

▼ NATS

Bonnie LeRoy
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FHSU students Callie Schlegel and Karl Pratt recently placed first and third, respectively, at the NATS regional student auditions.

Four other FHSU students advanced to the semi-final round.

The NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singers) Student Auditions are designed to give voice students a chance to perform and get written feedback on their performance. There are divisions for high school, college undergraduate and college graduate students. Students from four different states attended the event, which was held in Nebraska.

Schlegel, a student of FHSU voice instructor Joe Perniciaro, placed first in the high school women category. Pratt, a student of FHSU voice instructor Dr. Paula Boire, placed third in the high school men category.

“I was very proud of Callie,” said Perniciaro. “(Her performance) was a culmination of techniques and interpretive ideas we’d been working on. It was pretty captivating - the performance drew you in.”

Schlegel is a self-admitted perfectionist, so she said it’s rare for her to have a performance that she’s really satisfied with. It happened at NATS, though, so Schlegel said in a way, she felt like she had won even before they announced the prizes.

“I felt lucky because competitions like this are so subjective,” Schlegel said. “A lot of factors came together in my favor.”

All performers had to sing two songs for the preliminary round, and everyone who received a certain score advanced to the semi-finals. Each student in the semi-finals sang one song and then five students from each division were chosen to go on to finals. After one final performance, judges ranked the students from first place on.

This is the second year that Schlegel has attended NATS. She placed fourth in her division last year.

FHSU students who advanced to the semi-final round included Blake Connelly, Emily Cline and Kyle Zecha, all students of Perniciaro, and Sheila Dickerson, a student of Boire.

“Everyone sang well whether they advanced or not,” said Perniciaro. “Everyone came away motivated. They were already talking about next year.”

“It’s always great to go and have comments (from the judges) reinforce work we do in the studio,” he added.

Other students who attended the student auditions were Alexis Corbett, Alexis Korbe, Nic Pearce and Katie Steinert, all students of Perniciaro, and Dana Armbrister, Emily Griess, Emily Lin, Rebecca Tinncknell and Candice Yunker, all students of Boire.

▼ A Christmas Carol

Callie Schlegel
Staff Writer

A Christmas Carol, a play based on the classic by Charles Dickens, arrives in Hays this Sunday as the third show in the Encore Series.

It is the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a rich but miserly old man who must face up to his life of stinginess and repent before it is too late.

A Christmas Carol is packed with entertainment for the entire family. It brings to life the characters in the original story—like the ghoulish ghost of Christmas Past and the lovable Tiny Tim—that have made Dicken’s story a timeless classic.

The Corsen Auditorium of Interlochen Michigan proclaims *A Christmas Carol* “an excellent production that exemplifies the spirit of Christmas... our audiences love it.”

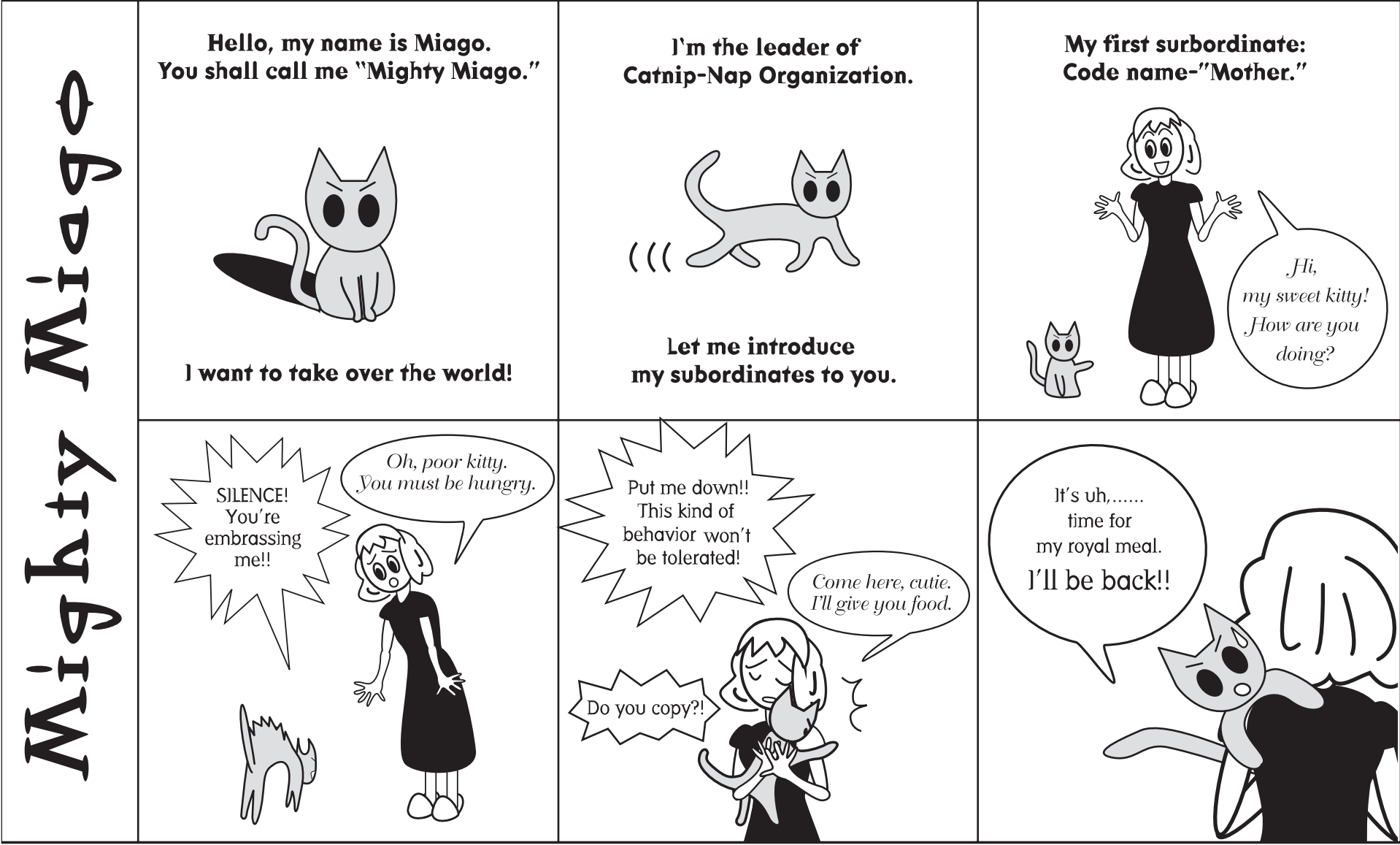
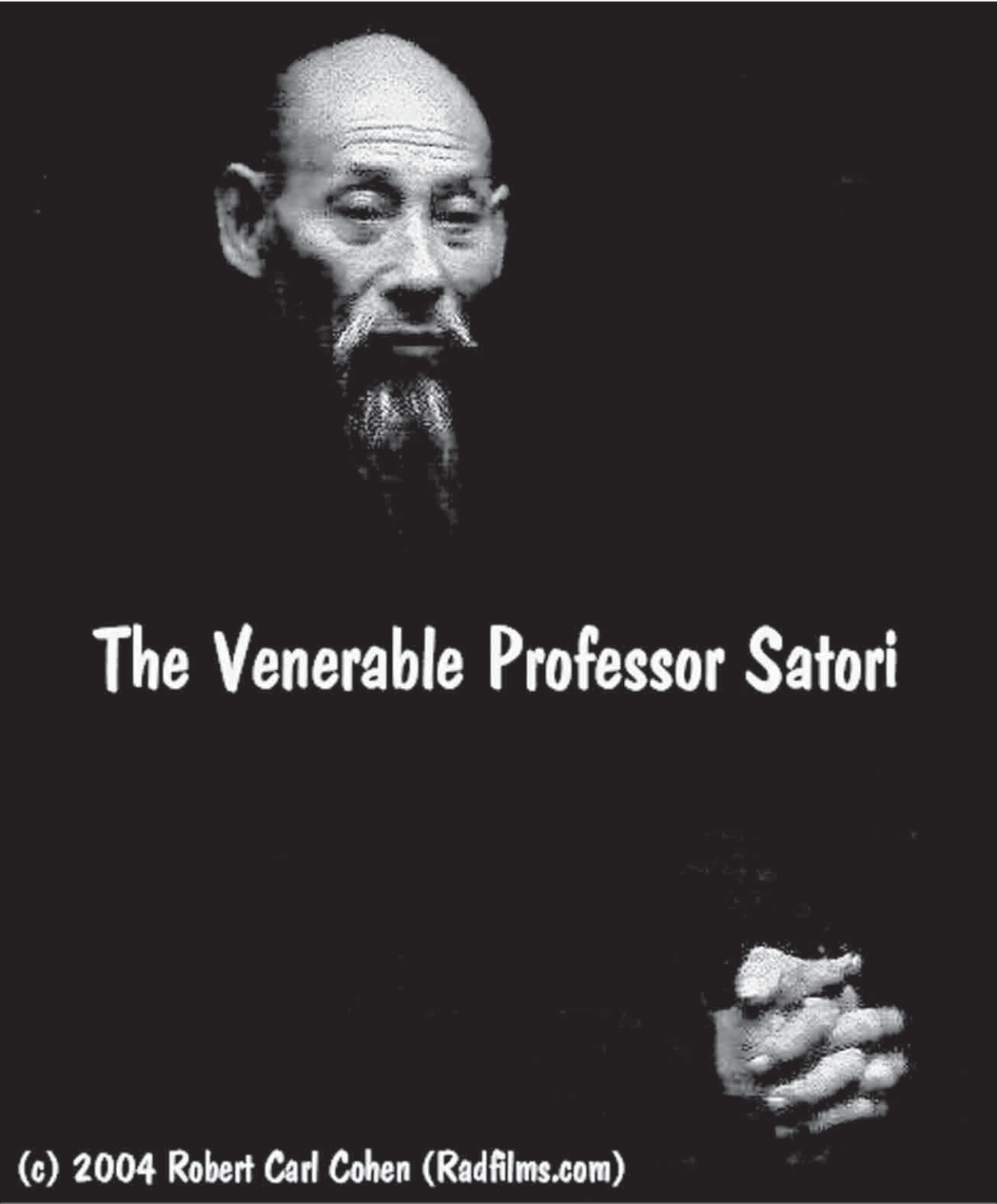
The Nebraska Theatre Caravan has been performing *A Christmas Carol* on national tour for 25 years. It is the longest running national tour in the show’s history, and the Nebraska Theatre Caravan has performed it in over 600 cities throughout the continental United States.

Superb casting, vivid costuming, and lavish sets have helped the production remain not just the longest running but also one of the most memorable.

“Rare is the production that makes you feel you’re seeing and hearing the story for the first time,” writes the Los Angeles Times.

A Christmas Carol will be performed by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan at 7 p.m., Nov. 20, at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

The running time is 2 hours, 5 minutes plus a 15 minute intermission. Tickets range in price from \$12 to \$20. For ticket information, call (785) 628-5306.



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Sidelines
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season starts

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 9	@ University of Kansas (exhibition)	L 62-96
Nov. 15	Bethany College	W 82-59
Upcoming Games		
Nov. 18-19	WestLink Communications Classic	
Nov. 18	vs. Illinois Institute of Technology	8 p.m.
Nov. 19	vs. Washburn or Eastern New Mexico	TBA
Nov. 22	Bethel College	8 p.m.
Nov. 25-26	@ Emporia State Tournament	
Nov. 25	vs. Henderson State	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	vs. Evangel	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Central Christian College	8 p.m.

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Far Right: Brian Gentry, Valleyfalls junior, passes the ball to a teammate during the game against Bethany College. Top: #21 Jeff Pruitt, Beloit junior, takes a shot during Tuesday's game. Right: #15 Jeremy Atwater, Las Vegas, Nev, senior, goes for a rebound against #15 from Bethany.



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The Bi-Weekly ~~10~~ of ~~Something~~ ways to avoid ¹⁰ ^{T.P} an exam

Story and illustration by Damien Leeson

Exams, generally speaking, suck. There have been very few times in my life where I can remember getting all “super-pumped” to take a test. Mostly, when it comes to exam time, I wait until 3 hours before I’m going to bed before I read through my notes and at that usually only once or twice.

Oh, wouldn’t it be nice if we could just get out of it and not go through the rigors of studying? The following is a list of “ways” to avoid the ever-so-delightful exam.



1) Stab yourself in the eye. An obvious course, honestly. If you take out either eye, right or left is irrelevant, the time spent in recovery will surely, if properly timed, coincide with examination day and be a generally accepted excuse.

2) Get pregnant. Though, still a problem for male students, it is a perfectly acceptable reason not to take an exam. However, I must warn that the long-term effects of pregnancy can be quite detrimental to other areas of life.



3) Kill off your roommate. Jail, grief, or time spent at the funeral should keep you sufficiently occupied during test time. However, along with number 2 the long-term effects can be disastrous.

4) Feign a seizure in class. Seconds before the exam is administered fall out of your seat and begin wriggling about and knocking things, like desks, over. If played right, with frothing mouth and such, you should find yourself en route to student health and not test-land.



6) Volunteer for scientific research. This one not only takes time, but in certain psych classes can be counted for extra credit. However, avoid anything involving chemicals or small woodland creatures.



7) Travel back in time and take out the catalyst to whatever subject the exam covers. Ex: Poison Pythagoras, who created that confounded triangle theorem, and say goodbye to Geometry.



8) Create your own Monastic order that prohibits taking examinations. Though start-up is costly, having to purchase robes and publish “holy” books, its incentive is multiplicative as you gain new members and convert the masses.



9) Bring your professors pastries laced with laxatives. It is always good to take out the source of your frustrations and in this case that is Professor So-and-so. Remember that for a Dr. the wait is 15 minutes before leaving class, so use extra laxatives.



5) Dress like the opposite sex and sing “Its Raining Men” by Geri Halliwell. You should be hauled off to a local mental institution and expertly avoid the big “T,” but this has not been proven and may ruin any chances of a future relationship/marriage with anyone.



10) Get caught cheating on purpose. This will get you expelled from school so that you never have to take another examination ever again, but I should warn that the effects of this include spending the next 50+ years as a gas station janitor. Have fun.

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Events

FHSU Art Department Pottery Sale. Functional Pottery and Sculpture. Wednesday Nov 16 and Thursday Nov 17. Memorial Union across from the Grab N Go. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Nov. 28 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sheridan Hall. The Ceremony features the FHSU choir and a holiday welcome from President Hammond. Also will announce Coloring Contest winners.

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